(c) if so, the time by which these industrial units are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) In Bihar, Aurangabad, Bhojpur, Khagria, Nalanda, Purnea and Saharsa have been declared as No-Industry Districts.

(b) to (d). Industrialisation of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Government wherever possible.

Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Bihar has been allotted six growth centres, out of which locations of five have been selected and announced. A growth centre each is proposed to be developed in the districts of Aurangabad and Purnea. The selected centre would be provided with all basic infrastructure facilities for industrial development. The scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

Applications for Industries in Bihar

2563. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government to set up industries in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications cleared/rejected;

(c) the reasons for these applications lying pending since long; and

(d) the efforts made so far for early disposal of those applications pending for industrial clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the period 1989 to 1992 (upto 29.2.92) 149 applications to set up industries in Bihar have been received. Of these 149 applications, 26 have been approved, 44 have been rejected and 15 have been otherwise disposed of.

(c) and (d). There are specified time limits for the disposal of applications for grant of industrial approvals. All steps are taken to ensure that the applications are disposed of within this time frame.

[*English*]

Explorations at Dwarka

2564. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since when explorations have been carried out at Dwarka by the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa;

(b) the findings thereof;

(c) whether an analysis of these findings has been made;

(d) if so, the conclusions thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal for exploration at Dehotsarga near Somnath; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE